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May 8, 2003

Ref: 2592-21781

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Hackberry Sand, Reservoirs C and D
NORTHWEST VINTON FIELD
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Mayne & Mertz, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Mayne & Mertz, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hackberry Sand, Reservoirs C and D in the Northwest Vinton Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create two (2) single drilling and production units of approximately 265 acres each for the Hackberry Sand, Reservoirs C and D, designated as the HBY RC SUA and HBY RD SUA, Northwest Vinton Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To designate a unit well and a unit operator for the HBY RC SUA created herein;
4. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts,

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In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated April 21, 2003 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2003. No requests to confer were received in writing or by telephone, and in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD.**

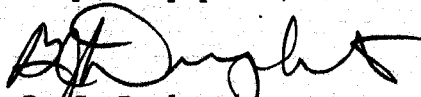
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the HBY RC SUA and HBY RD SUA, Northwest Vinton Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Leon Comeaux of Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, La 70505 (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and

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John C.

HBV RD SUA
(UNDRILLED)
± 265 ACRES

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**HBV RC SUA
RICHARD No. 1
± 265 ACRES**

EXHIBIT NO.	DOCKET NO.
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MAYNE & MERTZ, INC.

NORTHWEST VINTON FIELD
CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNITS
HACKBERRY SAND
Geology by: Leon Comeaux

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DATE:

LEONE E. COMEAUX & ASSOC. GEOLOGISTS